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**THE SUN****Writing off Ghana?**

Senator Dodd (D., Conn.) states flatly that Ghana has become "the first Soviet satellite in Africa." It is perhaps a mistake to be so positive about something so imponderable. Mr. Dodd could have said a lot of things about Ghana's Government, and about the man who controls it, President Nkrumah, without risk of informed challenge. He could have said that Ghana is a dictatorship, that the press is censored and opposition suppressed, that its laws for dealing with political opposition are every bit as nasty as South Africa's, that its commercial policies are socialistic and its finances in a pickle. He could have said that it has a personality cult centered on Nkrumah which was equaled only in Stalin's Russia and Trujillo's Dominican Republic, and that it has shown tendencies toward political expansionism which have made it justly disliked by its neighbors.

To call Ghana a Soviet satellite, however, is to risk falling into a trap already sprung once, in near-by Guinea. This republic was far more thoroughly infiltrated by East European and Chinese Communist "aid missions" than Ghana, and not long ago was written off as a full-scale Communist beachhead in Africa. But the Communists went too far and showed their hand too soon. They were stiff-necked and meddlesome and inefficient, and above all they made too little allowance for the spirit of African independence. An ambassador was thrown out, Communist missions purged and Communist plotters arrested, and now no one talks of Guinea as being in the Communist orbit. Unless Senator Dodd has more information than he has revealed, he should take warning from the Guinea story.

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